

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for retrofitting an existing mailing system, the existing mailing system comprising an existing printing portion, an existing metering portion, and an existing feeding portion that moves an envelope along a feed path, the method comprising:

removing the existing printing portion of the mailing system;

mounting a frame and a print head proximate the existing feeding portion so that the envelope traveling along the feed path will pass proximate the print head, the frame and print head being a different type from the removed existing printing portion;

mounting a sensor proximate the existing feeding portion, wherein the sensor senses that the feeding portion of the mailing system has positioned the envelope proximate the print head and provides a signal to ~~the~~ a controller to begin printing postage amount indicia;

connecting the print head to ~~a~~ the controller, wherein the controller is operable to generate a print signal to cause the print head to print postage amount indicia, the controller is operable to receive an indication that ~~it~~ the controller is authorized to print a postage indicia, the controller is operable to cause the print head to print at various speeds; and

adjusting the controller to cause the print head to print at a similar speed as the removed existing printing portion of the mailing system.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising mounting an encoder proximate the existing feeding portion, wherein the encoder senses the speed of the feeding portion of the mailing system and outputs a signal based on the sensed speed.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the controller comprises a computer card and the method further comprises:

removing the existing metering portion; and

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installing the controller in a computer having a network communication device, whereby the controller may receive authorization to print a postage amount indicia via the network communication device.